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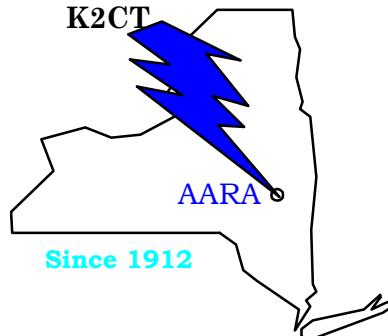
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AARA

Meets at the
Colonie Community Center
[1653 Central Ave. Colonie](http://1653centralavenuecolonie.com)

Friday Jan. 9

Social Hour 6:55 PM
Meeting 7:45 PM
Refreshments
soda, diet soda, coffee

K2CT Repeater

**Talk-in repeater
145.19 (-) MHz
pl tone 100.0hz**

or

444.30 (+) w/pl tone 100.0hz

JAN. Meeting

Video tape tour of the Ten Tec factory
followed by an overview of the new Jupiter
Transceiver

The Jupiter is Ten Tec's best selling
100-watt Transceiver. 34 built-in receive
filters, DSP noise reduction, flash-ROM
upgradeable, 60 meter ready etc.

AARA Dues

B-plus is Electronic

Dues are \$15 with
B-PLUS available at the K2CT Web
page in .pdf format www.qsl.net/k2ct
OR \$20 for first class mailing of
the newsletter Checks should be made out
to AARA and sent to: Saul Abrams, K2XA,
307 Maple Rd., Slingerlands, NY 12159

Public Service:

Volunteer **CONTACT John, WE2F at 283-4304**

AARA WE Need YOU to Volunteer AARA

AARA Homepage
www.qsl.net/k2ct

2003 CQWW DX CONTEST -- CW RESULTS

| STATION | CATEGORY | QSOs | COUNTRIES | ZONES | CLAIMED SCORE |
|--------------------|----------|------|-----------|-------|---------------|
| N1EU | SO (H) A | 2525 | 540 | 157 | 5,062,311 |
| K2ONP | SO (H) A | 1367 | 454 | 139 | 2,317,444 |
| N2LBR (+WA1KKM) | M/S | 1158 | 398 | 118 | 1,683,192 |
| K2XF | SO (H) A | 823 | 368 | 106 | 1,102,524 |
| K2EP | SO (H) A | 748 | 397 | 125 | 1,099,332 |
| K2BX | SO (H) A | 504 | 297 | 88 | 549,780 |
| W2GB | SO (H) A | 311 | 177 | 62 | 199,087 |
| W2GDJ | SO (H) A | 240 | 123 | 52 | 116,025 |
| N1JP | SO (H) A | 100 | 92 | 39 | 35,370 |
| NA2NA | SO (L) A | 27 | 25 | 15 | 2,800 |

2003 AARA 10-Meter Sprint Results

| CALL | SCORE |
|-------------------|-------|
| W2GDJ | 34 |
| K2EP | 31 |
| K2XA | 31 |
| N2MQQ | 30 |
| N1JP | 29 |
| W2AU | 29 |
| KM2O | 27 |
| WA1KKM | 27 |
| K2DL | 25 |
| WB2KLD | 24 |
| K2BX | 23 |
| KB2HPX | 22 |
| K2CT (NA2NA, op.) | 21 |
| N2LBR(*) | 1 |

Also heard on the air for the sprint were the following stations, but their logs were not submitted: W2LBB, WK2H, WE2F, K2QNU, WM2U, N1EU, KB2HPW, W2RE, W1TO, WA2WQZ, KC2R, and VA3KA.

(*) By special request only

73, Sue, N2LBR and Walt, WA1KKM

LOOKING FOR:

Does anyone have access to a computer video projector?

PLEASE, Contact Guy, WK2H at 371-3008

Hudson Division Elections

December 2003 Hudson Division Beacon

Well, some 48.96 % of division members did return their ballots and Frank Fallon N2FF was reelected as ARRL Hudson Division Director! Incumbent Director Frank Fallon, N2FF, of East Williston, New York, defeated his current Vice Director and former Director Stephen A. Mendelsohn, W2ML, of Dumont, New Jersey, in the recently concluded election. See full story at

<http://www.arrl.org/news/stories/2003/11/21/3/?nc=1>

Ballots were counted on Friday, November 21st at HQ. Participation was only three tenths of a percent greater than a division election held three years ago in 2000 for vice director.

International Morse Code Gets a New ITU Home, New Character

(Dec 10, 2003) -- The 2003 World Radiocommunication Conference (WRC-03) may have eliminated the treaty requirement for prospective amateurs to demonstrate Morse code proficiency to gain HF access, but the International Telecommunication Union (ITU) hasn't forgotten Morse code altogether. In Geneva on December 5, the ITU Radiocommunication Sector (ITU-R) Study Group 8 agreed on the wording of a Draft New Recommendation ITU-R M.[MORSE] that specifies the international Morse code character set and transmission procedures. It also includes a new Morse code character to cover the "@" symbol used in e-mail addresses.

See

<http://www.arrl.org/news/stories/2003/12/10/2/?nc=1> for more details.

To keep up with the times, however, the IARU proposed adding a new character--the commercial "at" or @ symbol--to permit sending e-mail addresses in Morse code. The draft new recommendation proposes using the letters A and C run together (---.) to represent the @ symbol.

Radio controlled ECHOLINK node is up and running. It's on 147.550 simplex using the standard DTMF control codes for ECHOLINK. The coverage area is approximately a 10 mile radius centered on Delmar. For further info contact John, K2QY at jgalt54@aol.com

KID'S DAY IS SUNDAY, JANUARY 4!

The ARRL Letter Vol. 22, No. 50 Dec 19, 2003

For the first time, Kid's Day will occur on a Sunday. The first 2004 running of this popular operating event will be Sunday, January 4 (the second Kid's Day in 2004 will be Saturday, June 19). Intended to encourage young people--licensed or not--to enjoy Amateur Radio, Kid's Day offers a "mentoring opportunity" for experienced amateurs while giving youngsters some firsthand hamming experience and perhaps sparking a lifelong interest.

"Kid's Day is an opportunity to introduce your own youngsters, neighborhood kids and nieces and nephews to participate in the magic of ham radio," suggests Jean Wolfgang, WB3IOS, of ARRL Field and Educational Services. Originated by the Boring Amateur Radio Club <<http://jzap.com/k7rat/>>, Kid's Day now is sponsored and administered by the ARRL with BARC's cooperation and assistance. Now entering its tenth year, each running of Kid's Day typically attracts more than 1000 participants.

Kid's Day is not a contest, and patience is the byword on both sides of each contact. The role of the licensee and control operator is to help youngsters with the basics, keep an eye on the technical aspects of the operation, observe third-party traffic restrictions <<http://www.arrl.org/FandES/field/regulations/io/3rdparty.html>> when making DX QSOs and ensure station identification at proper intervals. In this event, it's quality of the contacts that counts, not quantity.

Kid's Day will run from 1800 to 2400 UTC, and there's no limit on operating time. The suggested exchange is name, age, location and favorite

color. Stations may work the same station again if an operator has changed. Call "CQ Kid's Day."

Suggested frequencies are 14.270-14.300, 21.380-21.400 and 28.350-28.400 MHz plus 2 meter repeater frequencies, with permission from the repeater's sponsor). Guidelines for this event are available on the ARRL Web site <<http://www.arrl.org/FandES/ead/kd-rules.html>>.

All participants are eligible to receive a colorful certificate. Visit the ARRL Kid's Day Survey page <<http://www.arrl.org/FandES/ead/kids-day-survey.html>> to complete a short survey and post your comments. You will then have access to download the certificate page. Or you can send a 9x12 SASE to Boring Amateur Radio Club, PO Box 1357, Boring, OR 97009.

Kid's Day participants are invited to post logs and comments on the Internet <<http://lists.contesting.com/pipermail/kids/>>.

DX-Cluster can be accessed on web at
<telnet://na2na.net>

ATVET 2004/2005

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ATVET LIAISON: Gerald Murray,
atvet@n2ty.org or 518-482-8700

New Dates coming soon

Upcoming Events

Jan 10-12 North American QSO Party CW
Jan 17-19 January VHF Sweepstakes
North American QSO Party PHONE
Jan 24-25 CQ WW 160-meter CW

SWAP SHOP

Send items to B-Plus editor, Mike, WD2AJS at wd2ajs@arrl.net or call 489-3110

FOR SALE: One - Iomega Zip 650 CD burner
One - D- Link 4 port router
Both with all necessary items, cords, manuals, etc.
Make me ALMOST any offer on one or both
Contact: Jack WA2YBM 869-1074

SILENT KEY SK: Ed Brady, N2API became a Silent Key at around 5 this morning. 12/16/03. A long time AARA member who helped out all he could. He will be missed, especially at Field Day.

B-PLUS FEB. deadline is Sat. Jan.31^{sr}.

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